Lakewood, Ohio
April 20, 2015

The Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Lakewood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, met in regular session in the Garfield Middle School Cafetorium, 13114 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio at 7:00 p.m.

Students from the Garfield American Sign Language Club (ASL) signed the Pledge of Allegiance as they routinely carry out at Garfield Middle School assemblies.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ms. Petrie Barcelona
Mr. Einhouse
Mrs. Shaughnessy
Mr. Favre
Ms. Beebe

Members Absent: None

#76/15 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion that the Agenda for the April 20, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Lakewood City Board of Education be adopted.

Upon roll call on the motion, the vote was as follows:

Ms. Petrie Barcelona – Yea
Mr. Einhouse – Yea
Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea
Mr. Favre – Yea
Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Board President Petrie Barcelona asked if there were any corrections to the published minutes of the Special Board of Education Meetings held on March 30 and April 6, 2015. There were none.

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes as published.

Yeas: Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mr. Einhouse, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mr. Favre, Ms. Beebe

Nays: None

The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Superintendent Patterson said tonight we recognize a number of students who have been doing a lot of really great things this year. He thanked parents, family, and staff members who help our students to be successful. The Superintendent introduced Ms. Joann Schwark, PTA Council representative, to provide information about this year's National PTA Reflections Program. Ms. Schwark reported that students in pre-K through grade 12 submitted entries. This year's theme was "The world would be a better place if…" The District sent 24 finalists to the state competition. Of these, three students placed in the state finals with one student advancing to the national competition. Following are the students who earned state honors:

Kira Brown, Gr. 5 – Outstanding Achievement, Film Production
Halina Dreger, Gr. 7 – Honorable Mention, Literature
Gregory Watson, Gr. 12 – Award of Excellence, Music Competition

Gregory Watson's entry moves on to the National PTA Reflections' competition. Unfortunately, Gregory was unable to attend this evening. Board President Petrie Barcelona presented Kira and Halina each with a certificate on behalf of the Board and thanked them for creating these beautiful works of art. Superintendent Patterson thanked PTA Council for providing this opportunity for Lakewood's young people. He said that this district's PTA has far greater involvement than any other school district that he has been associated with.

Mr. William DiMascio, LHS-House I Principal, next spoke about two Lakewood High School students who have earned national recognition. Mr. DiMascio introduced Alex Marek and Jacob Corder, two outstanding young men in the Interactive Media Design Program at the high school under the direction of Mrs. Annie McQuay. Both students have won national awards from the Scholastic Art & Writing Competition in Art. Alex's animation, *Catstronaut*, won the American Visions Award as well as a silver medal at the national level. Jacob's painting, *Contortion*, also won a silver medal. Both students received regional awards for their photography pieces. Board President Petrie Barcelona presented both students with a certificate and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

Superintendent Patterson said that recognition of the LHS Academic Challenge Team seemed to be an annual event. Mr. Robert Sedlak and Mr. Peter Petto, team advisors, spoke about the team's considerable accomplishments, which included a three-year record of 20-1. Once again they captured the regular season West Shore Conference title. Mr. Sedlak spoke about each of the following team members:

Ian Bell
Kevin Cush
Abe Dalisky
Calvin Dolatowski
Brian Donahoe
Robbie Fehrenbach
Laert Fejzullari, Captain
Jamie Fesko
Alex Grundner
Erika Hakko
Seamus Holian
Damien Jouriles
Renee Klann
Veronica Lee
Ben McKinsey
Fox Milenski
Jo Pizzo

The next competition will air on May 2 and promises not to disappoint. This year's successes have qualified two of our teams to compete at the National Academic Championship Tournament in Chicago, Illinois on June 6 through June 8. Board President Petrie Barcelona presented each member of the Academic Challenge Team with an individual certificate and thanked them for representing the District so well in the community and around the country. Advisors Sedlak and Petto were presented with a "team" certificate.

Superintendent Patterson introduced Mr. Tony Chiaravalle, Assistant Principal, to provide the Garfield building report. Mr. Chiaravalle indicated that one of the goals of the Garfield Middle School staff is to educate the whole child so that each and every student achieves at high levels. In addition to the great teaching resources and academic supports and enrichments, the other component is engaging students in co-curricular activities. Garfield offers 20 different opportunities for students to learn outside the classroom. Tonight the American Sign Language (ASL) Club is being highlighted, and club advisors, Mrs. Elizabeth Stoneman and Ms. Deb Norris, along with several club members are here to talk about their club. In addition to learning ASL, students also learn about deaf culture and awareness. Students indicated that the primary reason for joining the club was to learn how to communicate with their friends who are deaf or hard of hearing. Next year Ms. Norris will transfer to the high school when one of the students enters 9th grade. She hopes to start an ASL Club at the high school. Superintendent Patterson thanked the students for extending their learning.

The Superintendent spoke about the future conversion of school days to hours. Roughly a year ago the General Assembly made a change in legislation in terms of the transition in counting school days to counting school hours. Later on in this evening's agenda the Superintendent will present a set of recommendations resulting from recent interim bargaining with the Lakewood Teachers Association (LTA). Because bargaining took place after July, 2014, we are automatically transitioning to hours. The Ohio Revised Code mandates that the District have a public meeting and share this information prior to acting on a revision of the calendar.

The Superintendent is proposing that Convocation remains on Friday, August 14, 2015. Monday, August 17, would be a staff professional development day; and Tuesday, August 18, would be the first day of instruction. The last day of instruction would then be Thursday, May 26, 2016. This calendar would permit us to release students before Memorial Day so that we could begin serious construction work in the Civic Auditorium and elsewhere. The length of the school day for the elementary schools, middle schools, and high school were discussed. This included an explanation regarding the significant revisions to the middle school day, which will include additional time for mathematics' instruction. This proposed calendar far exceeds the state minimum of required hours.

This ended the Superintendent's Report.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS

The members of the Board of Education previewed the items to be considered and approved at the meeting of the Board of Education to be held on April 20, 2015.

A. Finance Report: Mr. Favre, Mr. Einhouse

1. Investments Purchased and Matured – February, 2015
2. Financial Information – February, 2015
3. Three-Year Depository Agreement with First Federal of Lakewood for Banking Services
4. Resolution to approve Ripcho Studio Photographic Services Pre-K through 11th Grade School Picture Programs for School Years 2016, 2017 & 2018

Mr. Favre reported that the Financial Advisory Committee met on March 25. The banking proposal with First Federal of Lakewood was one of the items discussed during the meeting. Committee members have a good communication with the Treasurer. Mr. Favre stated that he believes this committee does serve its purpose.

B. Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases Report: Mr. Einhouse, Mr. Favre

1. Rental Agreements
   - Lakewood Family YMCA for conducting a youth summer program at Franklin (Roosevelt) Elementary School
   - Lakewood Family YMCA for conducting a before and after school program (2015-2016) at Franklin (Roosevelt), Hayes, and St. James (Grant) elementary schools
   - St. Peter's Child Care for conducting a before and after school program (2015-2016) at Horace Mann Elementary School
   - Family Life Center for conducting a before and after school program (2015-2016) at Harrison Elementary School
   - Family Life Center for conducting a before and after school program (2015-2016) at Emerson Elementary School
   - Family Life Center for conducting a youth summer program at Harrison Elementary School
   - Lakewood Community Care Center for conducting a before and after school program (2015-2016) at St. Luke (Lincoln) Elementary School
   - Lakewood Community Care Center for conducting a youth summer program at St. Luke (Lincoln) Elementary School
   - St. Edward High School for conducting home varsity football games at First Federal Lakewood Stadium
   - Cleveland MetroParks for the District's use of the Memorial and Tyler athletic fields for the purpose of playing adult and youth sports

C. Education Report: Ms. Beebe, Mrs. Shaughnessy

1. Resolution to Approve Field Trips
2. Resolution to Approve High School Club
3. Resolution to Approve Summer School 2015 Terms and Fees
4. Waiving of Tuition Non-Resident Senior
5. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and OhioGuidestone
6. Contract between the Lakewood City Schools and the Reading and Writing Project Network
7. Gifts to Lakewood Schools

Ms. Beebe spoke about the marvelous donation from Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle of $303,000 for the construction of the Lincoln Elementary Media Center. She shared the story of how they had met at Lincoln Elementary School.

D. Policy Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mr. Einhouse

Policy updates will be coming to the Board in the near future.

Human Resources and Community Services Report Mrs. Shaughnessy, Ms. Beebe

A. Certified
B. Classified
C. Classified – Athletic Coaches/Advisors (ECES) – Non-Employees
D. Community Recreation and Education

COMMUNICATIONS

Board President Petrie Barcelona asked if there were any communications received by members of the Board, Superintendent, or Treasurer.

- Mr. Einhouse indicated that Playhouse Square announced the new season a few weeks back. The Lakewood Project was on the stage at that event with various Broadway stars. They received more calls from attendees and donors indicating they were the highlight of the show. The kids were unbelievable, and it was a special treat to have them there.

- Board President Petrie Barcelona reminded everyone that Grant Elementary School's ground-breaking will take place tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. Roosevelt's groundbreaking will occur on Thursday, also at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Board President Petrie Barcelona asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the Board. No one wished to address the Board.

#77/15 - #80/15 **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Finance Report Mr. Favre, Mr. Einhouse
1. Investments Purchased and Matured – February, 2015
2. Financial Information – February, 2015
3. Three-Year Depository Agreement with First Federal of Lakewood for Banking Services
4. Resolution to Approve Ripcho Studio Photographic Services Pre-K through 11th Grade School Picture Programs for Schools Years 2016, 2017, & 2018

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B. Buildings, Sites and Major Purchases Report: Mr. Einhouse, Mr. Favre
1. Rental Agreements
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- St. Edward High School for conducting home varsity football games at First Federal Lakewood Stadium
- Cleveland MetroParks for the District's use of the Memorial and Tyler athletic fields for the purpose of playing adult and youth sports

#82/15 - #88/15

C. Education Report: Ms. Beebe, Mrs. Shaughnessy
1. Resolution to Approve Field Trips
2. Resolution to Approve High School Club
3. Resolution to Approve Summer School 2015 Terms and Fees
4. Waiving of Tuition Non-Resident Senior
5. Agreement between the Lakewood Board of Education and OhioGuidestone
6. Contract between the Lakewood City Schools and the Reading and Writing Project Network
7. Gifts to Lakewood Schools

D. Policy Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mr. Einhouse
No Report

Mr. Favre moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion that the Consent Agenda items be approved.

Upon roll call on the motion, the vote was as follows:

Ms. Petrie Barcelona – Yea
Mr. Einhouse – Yea
Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea
Mr. Favre – Yea
Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

#89/15

A. Certified

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the Certified resolution.

Upon roll call on the motion, the vote was as follows:

Ms. Petrie Barcelona – Yea
Mr. Einhouse – Yea
Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea
Mr. Favre – Yea
Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed. It was noted that included in this resolution is the retirement of Mr. Bob Curtin who has served the District well for many years.

#90/15

B. Classified

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the Classified resolution.

Upon roll call on the motion, the vote was as follows:

Ms. Petrie Barcelona – Yea
Mr. Einhouse – Yea
Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea
Mr. Favre – Yea
Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

#91/15

C. Classified – Athletic Coaches/Advisors (ECES) – Non-Employees

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the Classified resolution.

Upon roll call on the motion, the vote was as follows:

Ms. Petrie Barcelona – Yea
Mr. Einhouse – Yea
Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea
Mr. Favre – Yea
Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

#92/15

D. Community Recreation and Education

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the resolution.

Upon roll call on the motion, the vote was as follows:

Ms. Petrie Barcelona – Yea
Mr. Einhouse – Abstain
Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea
Mr. Favre – Abstain
Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

#93/15

A. Resolution to Revise Policies of the Lakewood City Board of Education

Ms. Petrie Barcelona moved and Mr. Einhouse seconded the motion to approve the resolution to approve proposed revisions to specific Board of Education policies. Mr. Favre expressed his appreciation that policies 5830 and 9211 were modified to provide the Treasurer with the authority to request the financial records of organizations that engage in student fund-raising or District support organizations.

Yeas: Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mr. Einhouse, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mr. Favre, Ms. Beebe

Nays: None

The motion passed.

#94/15

B. Resolution to Purchase a 2015 Ford F-350 Pickup Truck with a Meyers 8' Snow Plow

Mr. Einhouse moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the proposed vehicle.

Yeas: Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mr. Einhouse, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mr. Favre, Ms. Beebe

Nays: None

The motion passed.

#95/15

C. Resolution to Approve Modification of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Lakewood Teachers Association

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to approve the resolution on one reading. Mr. Favre requested that his comments be recorded in the minutes. They are:

> I would first like to say that my concerns with the interim contract agreement are not because I am anti-teacher, anti-LTA, or anti collective bargaining.
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> On the contrary, I have been a public employee for over 40 years. And during this time, I have been a union member, held and continue to hold office in my union, and am pro collective bargaining. I actively fought for the collective bargaining law in the 1980s and actively fought the attempt to repeal it in 2011.
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> I've seen recent reports that the state legislature is trying to pass restrictions on university professor's collective bargaining rights in the new budget. And I fully expect Right to Work to come out with a vengeance as soon as the 2016 Presidential election is out of the way and politicians so inclined are no longer concerned with appearing moderate. I will be actively fighting that as well.
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> Having said that, I have two issues with this proposed agreement.
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> First is the addition of non-instructional days in the school calendar. You will recall that I voted against the recent change of the school calendar. Over the years, the school calendar has become swollen with days when students are not in class. Holidays have been extended and the number of professional days grown. Every time we need to add something, it seems that students' time in the classroom is bumped.
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> Second is the amount of time off task spent in our Communications Forum. Every month, a number of teachers, staff, and administrators are off site and out of classrooms and offices for the better part of the day, not counting preparation time. In additional, the Superintendent and LTA representative meet monthly. It is wonderful to have a collaborative process, it truly is, however I believe we need to look at streamlining this process.
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> Over the years, we have cut time, services, teachers, staff, equipment, and so forth in the name of efficiency and finances. Parents and the community have been expected to understand and, for the most part, they have. Notwithstanding whatever interruption this causes the students in those teachers' classrooms, there is a cost in resources to this process.
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> Accordingly, I have asked the Superintendent and Treasurer how much this process costs in administrative, classified, and certified wages and expenses and whatever other logistical costs are concerned.

> I do not disrespect the process or the need for the process. However, I do not necessarily agree with how we go about it. If we can be more cost effective and not infringe on students' time, we have a responsibility to do so and I do not believe this resolution facilitates it.

Ms. Beebe raised concerns about the State of Ohio's mandates regarding student time spent on task. She stated that the State appears to be limiting the time that children actually have to learn. Board members engaged in conversation exploring various ways to address these issues.

Upon roll call on the motion, the vote was as follows:

Ms. Petrie Barcelona – Yea
Mr. Einhouse – Yea
Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea
Mr. Favre – Nay
Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

Ms. Beebe wished to note that Mary Louise Nixon, who had been a tremendous friend to the District, passed away unexpectedly this past weekend. She had also served the community as a Trustee of the Lakewood Public Library.

There being no other business Board President Petrie Barcelona called for a motion to recess to one Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Shaughnessy moved and Ms. Beebe seconded the motion to move to one Executive Session for consideration of the employment of a public employee.

Upon roll call on the motion, the vote was as follows:

Ms. Petrie Barcelona – Yea
Mr. Einhouse – Yea
Mrs. Shaughnessy – Yea
Mr. Favre – Yea
Ms. Beebe – Yea

The motion passed.

The Board recessed to Executive Session at 8:16 p.m.

The Executive Session ended at 9:49 p.m.

The Board returned to public session at 9:49 p.m. No action was taken.

Board President Petrie Barcelona called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Beebe moved and Mrs. Shaughnessy seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Yeas: Ms. Petrie Barcelona, Mr. Einhouse, Mrs. Shaughnessy, Mr. Favre, Ms. Beebe

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

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President

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Treasurer